



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:
Civil Rights Implications of Disaster Relief: Hurricane María in Puerto Rico

Friday, December 10, 2021

InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico Law School, 170 C. Federico Costas, San Juan,
00918, Puerto Rico

Also [live-streaming](#)

Expert Panels: 9:10 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. AST

Open Public Comment [Session](#): 1:40 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. AST*

AGENDA

Introductory Remarks: 9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.

Panel 1: 9:10 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

- **Omar Marrero**, Secretary of State, Puerto Rico
- **Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto**, Former Mayor of San Juan & Weissman Center Fellow in Leadership, Mount Holyoke College
- **Charlotte Gossett Navarro**, Chief Director Puerto Rico Operations, Hispanic Federation
- **Sergio Marxuach**, Policy Director & General Counsel, Centro para la Nueva Economía
- **Cristina Miranda**, Executive Director, Liga de Ciudades
- **Ever Padilla-Ruiz**, Executive Director, Comisión de Derechos Civiles
- **Diane Yentel**, President/CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition

Break: 11:05 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Panel 2: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

- **Ariadna Michelle Godreau Aubert**, Executive Director, Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico
- **Tania Rosario Mendez**, Executive Director, Taller Salud
- **Ruth Santiago, Esq.**, Comité Dialogo Ambiental

- **Carla Minet**, Executive Director, Centro de Periodismo Investigativo
- **Yarimar Bonilla**, Director, Center for Puerto Rican Studies
- **Amaris Torres Rivera**, Executive Director, Fundación Fondo de Acceso a la Justicia

Break: 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Public Comment Period: 1:45 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

- Members of the public who wish to address the Commission will have an opportunity to do so during an open public comment session that will take place between 1:45 p.m. and 5:50 pm Atlantic Standard Time (AST). Each individual will have up to five (5) minutes to speak, with spots allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals will be able to register for open comment session speaking slots, both online and at the briefing (in-person). See additional details [here](#).

Break: 3:40 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Closing Remarks: 5:55 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

*End time subject to change

**Public Comments will also be accepted through written testimony